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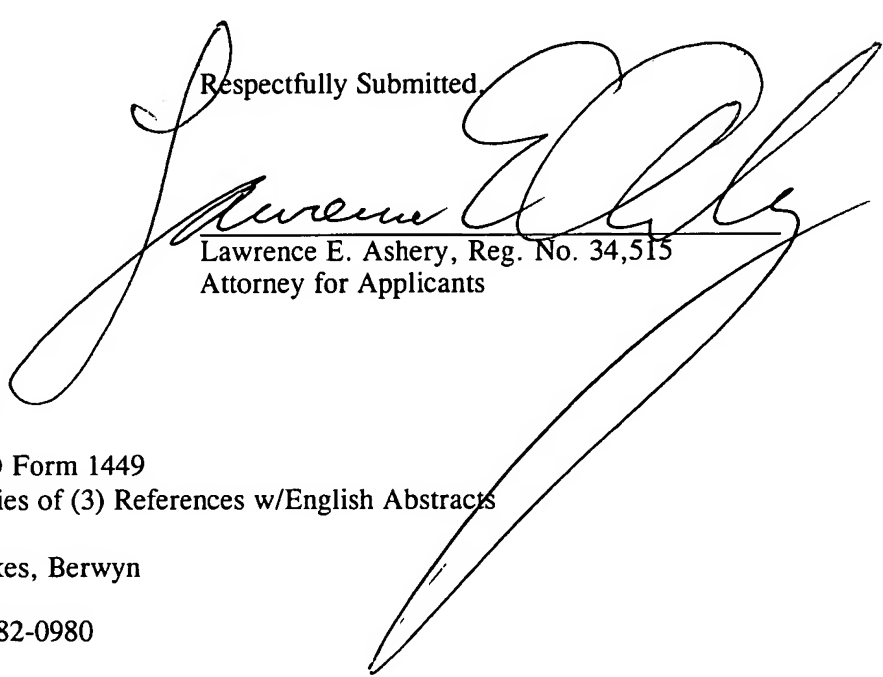
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	06-337774	12/06/94	Japan (w/English abstract)			X
	07-140999	06/02/95	Japan (w/English abstract)			X
	11-143483	05/28/99	Japan (w/English abstract)			X

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